

Tregony Clockhouse Players

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Tregony Clockhouse Players recognize its duty of care under the Children and Young Persons Act 1963, the Child (Performances) Regulations 1968, the Protection of Children Act 1999 and the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

The Players recognize that abuse can take many forms, whether it is physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or neglect. The Players are committed to practice that protects children from harm. All members of the Players are expected to accept and recognize their responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues that cause children harm.

The Players believes that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount;
- All children have the right to protection from abuse of any description;
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse should be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately;
- All members and employees of the Players should be clear on how to respond appropriately.

The Players will ensure that:

- All children will be treated equally and with respect and dignity;
- The welfare of each child will always be put first;
- A balanced relationship based on mutual trust will be built which empowers the children to share in the decision-making process;
- Enthusiastic and constructive feedback will be given rather than negative criticism;
- Bullying will not be accepted or condoned;
- All adult members of the Players provide a positive role model for dealing with other people;
- Action will be taken to stop any inappropriate verbal or physical behavior;
- It will keep up-to-date with health & safety legislation;
- It will keep informed of changes in legislation and policies for the protection of children;
- It will hold a register of every child involved with the society and will retain a contact name and number close at hand in case of emergencies.

The Players have child protection procedures, which accompany this policy. This policy should also be read in conjunction with the society's Health & Safety Policy. They are available from the Chairman or Secretary.

The Players have a dedicated Child Protection Officer, Kate Douglass, who is in charge of ensuring that the child protection policy and procedures are adhered to.

This policy will be regularly monitored by the society and will be subject to annual review.